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SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILES OF SQUATTERS: A CASE STUDY OF KAMPUNG SETIA JAYA

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The objective of this paper is to investigate the socio-economic profiles of squatters with special emphasis on education in Kampung Setia Jaya, Wangsa Maju, Kuala Lumpur. Education is emphasized in this paper due to the fact that through education one can change and improve one's life economically and socially. However, for the purpose of this study, attention will be given to squatters attitudes towards their children's education.

Previous studies have shown that poverty has continued from one generation to another (Toh Kin Woon, 1977; Ishak Shari, 1979; Chan et al., 1977). It can be said that the main cause of the continuation of poverty in a family is low educational levels. However, less attention has been given in previous studies to the education of the urban poor's children, particularly squatters, or their attitude towards their children's education. Ng Lee Kiang (1976) in his study has given special emphasis to education, but he discussed it from the economic point of view. He discovered that there is a strong correlation between educational level and employment. Yet he did not touch on the issue of the urban poor's attitude particularly that of squatters- towards their children's education. Hence, I address the issue in this study.

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